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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A gasket comprising:

a base sheet of substantially contiguous metal material having at least one aperture bounded by an edge of said base sheet;

one or more coined angles formed at said edge of said base sheet;

an elastomeric material disposed on said one or more coined angles and said edge of said base sheet; and

wherein said one or more coined angles increase a surface area of said base sheet exposed to said elastomeric material, thereby increasing bonding strength between said base sheet and said elastomeric material, and wherein said one or more coined angles includes a texture to further increase the bonding strength between said base sheet and said elastomeric material.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) A gasket according to Claim 1, wherein said elastomeric material disposed on said one or more coined angles forms a sealing bead.

4. (Original) A gasket according to Claim 1, wherein said base sheet is substantially thin.

5. (Original) A gasket according to Claim 4, wherein said base sheet has a thickness of approximately 1.0 mm.

6. (Original) A gasket according to Claim 1, wherein said coined angles extend radially inwardly from said edge and are integrally joined to said base sheet.

7. (Original) A gasket according to Claim 1, wherein said base sheet is generally planar.

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